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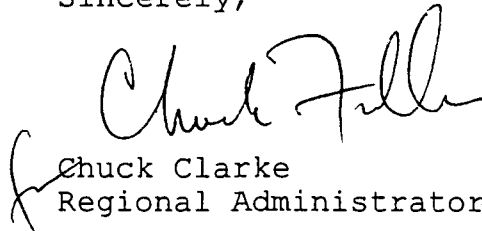
Honorable Colleen Cawston, Chair
Colville Business Council
The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
P.O. Box 150
Nespelem, WA 99155

Dear Chairwoman Cawston:

Thank you for your letter dated August 2, 1999, written in your capacity as the Chair of the Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation. The letter transmits a Petition to conduct a Preliminary Assessment of the hazards to public health and the environment associated with the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant on lands which include the Colville Reservation.

We are currently evaluating the Petition and will be contacting you for further information. The EPA contact person will be Monica Tonel of the EPA Office of Environmental Cleanup. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,


Chuck Clarke
Regional Administrator

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